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MITCHELL PARK DOMES TO REMAIN OPEN THROUGH 2021

The County Executive's recommended budget called for the Mitchell Park Domes to be closed for a large portion of 2021. Supervisor Ortiz-Velez co-sponsored legislation to allocate funding to keep the Domes open and operational for the entirety of 2021 so the Domes can be enjoyed throughout the year.

To secure the long-term future of the Domes, Supervisor Ortiz-Velez's office, along with the Comptroller's office, drafted an amendment for the 2021 budget funding a new position to analyze possible tax credits that would help fund the building's needed repairs.



Supervisor Ortiz-Velez testifying on legislation during a meeting of the Milwaukee County Board.

HEMP CLONES AT THE DOMES REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Supervisor Ortiz-Velez's proposal to propagate Hemp Clones at the Mitchell Park Domes greenhouses will move forward in 2021. The Request for Proposal (RFP) was set to be released in 2020 but was put on hold due to an administrative order halting all RFPs. Supervisor Ortiz-Velez drafted a budget amendment that overrides the order and instructs the Parks Department to release the RFP and report its progress to the Parks committee. The RFP is set to be released later this winter.

The RFP calls for a private entity to lease one of the greenhouses, cultivate hemp clones for market consumption with almost all the proceeds going to Milwaukee County. No funding from this operation will be derived from County funds.

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COVID-19 AND VACCINE INFO

The Milwaukee Unified Emergency Operations Center recently created the www.healthymke.com website, designed to be a one stop shop for COVID-19 information. One especially valuable feature provided by the website is a tool that connects those eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine with entities administering the vaccine. Those interested in finding out when they would be eligible to receive the vaccine can sign up for updates at www.healthymke.com/phase-alerts.

The City of Milwaukee has also set up its own website, www.milwaukee.gov/CovidVax, which allows those who are currently eligible for the vaccine to set up an appointment at one of the City's vaccination sites. The city has also established a hotline at **(414) 286-6800** for those who are eligible for the vaccine, but do not have access to the internet.

In the meantime, everyone is strongly encouraged to continue practicing physical distancing, frequently washing their hands and wearing masks until we have enough people vaccinated to stop the spread of COVID-19.



FUTURE OF THE KOSCIUSZKO COMMUNITY CENTER



Supervisor Ortiz-Velez is working closely with the Parks Department on plans for the future of Kosciuszko Community Center. This is an exciting opportunity for the neighborhood, as the Parks Department will be giving residents a chance to weigh in on what service offerings will best suit the community's needs.

This process is just in its very beginning stage, and area residents should expect to hear more information from Supervisor Ortiz-Velez's office and the Parks Department in the coming months.



SUPERVISOR ORTIZ-VELEZ VOTED 'NO' ON REDUCING THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE BUDGET

Supervisor Ortiz-Velez was proud to vote against amendments put forward in the 2021 budget that would have taken funding away from the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office. Supervisor Ortiz-Velez understands that the Sheriff's Office provides essential services that keep our highways, parks and communities safe. The constituents of the 12th District made it clear that most residents in the area did not agree with defunding the Sheriff's Office.